

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The image processing system of claim 46 ~~1~~, wherein the first editing facility comprises an editing tool operable to facilitate editing an image associated with a preview image file and to amend the associated file in response thereto.

3. (Currently Amended) The image processing system of claim 46 ~~1~~, wherein the terminal is configured to look in the master image file for data corresponding to a preview image in the master image file and, if such data is found, to extract the data to the preview image file.

4. (Original) The image processing system of claim 3 wherein, if data corresponding to a preview image is not found, the master image is resized and the data corresponding to the resized image is written to the preview image file.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The image processing system of claim 46 ~~1~~, further comprising a second editing facility configured to facilitate editing an image associated with a preview image file and to amend the associated file in response thereto and to transmit a preview image file to a client device and wherein the first editing facility is operable to transmit preview image files to the second editing facility.

7. (Previously Presented) The image processing system of claim 6, wherein the first editing facility is further configured to transmit the master image file to the second editing facility upon receiving a request from the second editing facility and/or wherein the terminal is further configured to transmit the master image file to the second editing facility upon receiving a request from the second editing facility, and wherein the second editing facility is configured to facilitate editing an image associated with a master image file and to amend the associated master image file in response thereto and to transmit a master image file to a client device.

8. (Original) The image processing system of claim 6, wherein the second editing facility has an associated archive and wherein the first and/or second editing facilities are configured to send preview images to the archive.

9. (Previously Presented) The image processing system of claim 6, wherein the first and/or second editing facilities are configured to send master image files to the archive.

10. (Previously Presented) The image processing system of claim 6, further comprising an output server through which image files are sent for onward transmission to a client device.

11. (Previously Presented) The image processing system of claim 10, wherein the output server is configured to regulate the delivery of image files to one or more client devices.

12. (Original) The image processing system of claim 6, wherein either the first or second editing facility is configured to create MMS messages that include preview images.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~photographic~~ image processing system of claim 12, wherein the editing facility is configured to receive a file containing text describing an event, to search the text for pre-defined terms, to create a new file containing text and images upon finding a pre-defined term and to transmit the new file to a client device.

14. (Original) The image processing system of claim 13, wherein the editing facility is configured automatically to extract text from the incoming text file and to write the text to the new file.

15. (Original) The image processing system of claim 13, wherein the editing facility is configured automatically to retrieve an image from an archive and to write the image to the new file.

16. (Original) The image processing system of claim 6, wherein either the first or second editing facility is configured to create http slide shows that include preview images.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~44~~ 48, comprising ~~further~~ the steps of editing an image associated with the preview image file and amending the associated file in response thereto.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~44~~ 48, comprising the steps of checking the master image file for data corresponding to a preview image in the full image file and, if such data is found, extracting the data to the preview image file.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, comprising the steps of, ~~where~~ when data corresponding to a preview image is not found, resizing the master image and writing the data corresponding to the resized image to the preview image file.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~44~~ 48, further comprising the steps of transmitting preview image files from the first editing facility to the a second editing facility, editing the image associated with the preview image file at the second editing station facility and amending the associated preview image file in response thereto, and transmitting the preview image file to a client device from the second editing facility.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of transmitting the master image file to the second editing facility from the first editing facility and/or the memory upon receiving a request from the second editing facility, editing the image

associated with the master image file at the second editing facility and amending the associated file in response thereto, and transmitting a master image file to a client device.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, comprising the step of sending preview image files to an archive associated with the second editing facility.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, comprising transmitting the master image files to an archive associated with the second editing facility.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 ~~48~~, further comprising sending image files to an output server for onward transmission to a client device.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the output server regulates the delivery of image files to one or more client devices.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44 ~~48~~, further comprising the step of creating an MMS message that includes preview images.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising the steps of receiving a file containing text describing an event, searching the text for pre-defined terms, creating a new file containing text and images upon finding a pre-defined term and transmitting the new file to client device.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, comprising the step of automatically extracting text from the incoming text file to the new file.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, comprising the step of automatically extracting an image from an archive to the new file.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~44~~ 48, further comprising the step of creating http slide shows that include preview images.

34 - 41. (Cancelled).

42. (Currently Amended) The image processing system of claim ~~46~~ 4, wherein the first editing facility is configured to transmit a preview image file to a client device.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~44~~ 48, further comprising transmitting the preview image file to a client device.

44. (New) A method of processing images taken at an event and for distributing at least one of the images to one or more client devices, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving by a terminal while the event is ongoing at least one master image file, each received master image file representing a respective electronic image of the event;

storing each received master image file in a computer-readable storage medium within the terminal;

creating by a processor of the terminal a preview image file from one of the stored master image files, the created preview image file having a file size smaller than a file size of the master image file;

transmitting by the terminal the preview image file to a first editing facility located away from the terminal;

receiving by the first editing facility the transmitted preview image file;

transmitting by the first editing facility a communication representing a request for a master image file that corresponds to the received preview image file;

transmitting by the terminal, upon receipt by the terminal of the communication representing the request for the master image file, the master image file stored in the storage medium;

receiving by the first editing facility the transmitted master image file;

editing by the first editing facility the received master image file; and

transmitting by the first editing facility the edited master image file to a remote client device, the transmitting by the first editing facility of the edited master image file occurring while the event is still ongoing.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the steps of transmitting by the terminal the preview image file and the master image file are carried out using wireless transmission thereof.

46. (New) An image processing system, comprising:

a terminal having a computer-readable storage medium for storing each master image file supplied by a camera, each master image file representing a respective image of an event

captured by the camera, and a processor for creating from at least one of the stored master image files a preview image file having a file size smaller than a file size of the master image file, the terminal transmitting the created preview image file, and the terminal transmitting the master image file corresponding to the previously transmitted preview image file upon receipt of a request; and

a first editing facility, located away from the terminal, receiving the preview image file transmitted by the terminal, transmitting to the terminal a request for the terminal to transmit the master image file corresponding to the preview image file received by the first editing facility, receiving the master image file transmitted by the terminal, editing the received master image file, and transmitting the edited master image file to a remote client device.

47. (New) The image processing system of claim 46, wherein the terminal wirelessly transmits the created preview image file, and the terminal wirelessly transmits the master image file corresponding to the previously transmitted preview image file upon receipt of the request, and the first editing facility wirelessly transmits to the terminal the request for the terminal to transmit the master image file corresponding to the preview image file received by the first editing facility.

48. (New) An image processing system, comprising:

a terminal and first and second editing facilities; wherein

the terminal having a computer-readable storage medium and receives an electronic image file representing an image of an event, stores the received image file in the computer-readable storage medium, and transmits the image file to the first editing facility;

the first editing facility being local to the event but located away from the terminal and

- (a) receives the image file transmitted by the terminal,
- (b) determines a suitable editing station for displaying the image associated with the image file, and to display the image at the editing station,
- (c) facilitates selection of the image displayed at the editing station,
- (d) facilitates selection of an output destination for the selected image file wherein available output destinations include the second editing facility and one or more client devices, and
- (e) transmits the selected file to the selected output destination;

the second editing facility being remote from the event and:

- (a) receives the image file transmitted by the first editing facility,
- (b) displays the image associated with the image file at an editing station,
- (c) facilitates selection of the displayed image,
- (d) facilitates editing of the selected image,
- (e) facilitates selection of an output destination for the selected image file, wherein available output destinations include one or more client devices, and
- (f) transmits the selected file to the selected output destination.

49 (New) The image processing system of claim 48, wherein the terminal wirelessly transmits the image file to the first editing facility.